

Southern Cross University Tuition Fee Scholarship round

Opportunities for prospective students wishing to pursue a Higher Degree Research award in Australia.

*Applications for **20 full Tuition Fee Scholarships** are now open for international students wishing to study Higher Degree Research awards (Professional Doctorate, Masters by Thesis, Doctor of Philosophy) at Southern Cross University in Australia.*

*Applications will close when we have confirmed 20 successful scholarship recipients. Successful applicants will be notified by email, and invited to participate in a “**zoom**” interview prior to an offer of scholarship being sent to them confirming the scholarship offer.*

[Southern Cross University](#) is 23 years of age and among the Asia Pacific top 100 Universities and one of the world's top 50 Generation Y Universities. ^{1, 2}

Southern Cross University is one of the leading destinations for students seeking high-quality education at an Australian University. Our campuses are located on the east coast of Australia, at the Gold Coast in Queensland, and in Lismore and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales. Studying at Southern Cross University will enable you to engage with and be supported in your studies by specialist staff and supervisors who are world leaders in their field.

Some important points to consider:

1. There will be **no tuition fees** if your application is successful (this is a **saving** equivalent to AUD \$52,000.00 for Masters by Thesis Degree, and AUD \$104,000.00 for a Doctoral degree).
2. You will need a **student visa** which can be obtained once you have an approved letter of offer.
3. You will need to **prove that you can finance** your own living costs.
4. You will need to cover your own Overseas Health Care expenses.
5. You will need to cover your travel expenses to and from Australia.
6. The applicant will need to meet our **English language** requirements if English is not their first language. Applicants who cannot provide an assessable undergraduate qualification undertaken in English (from any country), must provide either:
 - an original IELTS test result, showing a score of 6.5 or better, including a minimum score of 6.0 in the sub-bands ([IELTS Essentials](#)); or
 - an original TOEFL test result showing a score of 580 or better (min score of 237 for computer based), and a Test of Written English (TWE) score of at least 5.0 ([TOEFL website](#));
 - Other evidence of ability to study in English may be considered, and any evidence should not be more than two (2) years old at the date of application.

¹ 2017 Times Higher Education Asia-Pacific University Rankings
² 2017 Times Higher Education Top 50 Generation Y University Rankings

7. To qualify for admission into [Masters by Thesis candidature](#) * applicants must:
 - a. possess a degree that is equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree; and
 - b. satisfy such additional requirements, if any, as may be prescribed by the Dean, Graduate Studies.
8. To qualify for admission into Doctoral candidature (either [Doctor of Philosophy](#) or [Professional Doctorate**](#)) applicants must:
 - a. possess a degree that is the equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree with first class Honours or second class Honours, first division; or
 - b. possess a degree that is equivalent to an Australian Masters degree with a relevant research component; or
 - c. submit other evidence of relevant professional qualifications and experience, or research experience, to satisfy the Dean, Graduate Studies that the applicant possesses a level of relevant research experience equivalent to an award in either clause (8)a or (8)b; and
 - d. satisfy such additional requirements for admission to a PhD candidature, if any, as may be prescribed by the Dean, Graduate Studies

If you wish to apply for a Tuition Fee Scholarship to study post graduate research in Australia through our [Graduate School](#) , we are looking for candidates in the following research areas:

Sports Science

Researchers at this university are undertaking cutting-edge research in areas of exercise physiology, biomechanics, strength and conditioning, motor control and motor learning, sport and exercise psychology, and exercise interventions for chronic diseases (clinical exercise physiology, exercise rehabilitation). Southern Cross University has research collaborations in other areas of health science with sports industry and other institutions in Australia and overseas.

Centre for Organics Research

The Centre for Organics Research provides strong evidence-based scientific and multidisciplinary research focused on clarifying some of the complex issues surrounding organics production and supply chains. This includes research into the comprehensive reach of organic production covering such broad themes as integrated production systems, sustainable resource management, economics and markets, and education and health. Research areas include but are not limited to: crop and livestock breeding/selection for organic and low-input systems; crop management systems development (rotation, crop protection, fertilisation and tillage); agricultural engineering (anaerobic digesting/composting for precision organic fertiliser production; sensor/GPS-guided mechanical weed control); agribusiness and environmental economics, consumer studies and marketing, biological and ecological profiling.

Plant Science

Southern Cross Plant Science is a leader in research underpinning the cultivation and utilisation of plants including, but not limited to: agronomy and plant physiology focused on soil nutrition; bioinformatics and computational biology; crop; forest and native plant genomics; plant genetic resources and characterization; epigenetics; genetic diversity crop and model plant proteomics and natural product variation.

Engineering

Engineering at Southern Cross University is part of the School of Environment, Science and Engineering. The School offers a dynamic and contemporary learning experience in state-of-the-art facilities. Areas of research interest include optimisation and analysis of gas receivers, energy

*duration of 2 years full time.

**expected duration for PhD 3 years full time, maximum allowable 4 years full time, duration for Professional Doctorate 3 years full time.

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harvesting, control strategies for solar towers, design of a solar bio-reactor for waste to energy production to name a few.

Coastal Biogeochemistry

The Centre for Coastal Biogeochemistry undertakes research on the Global Change issues of nutrient over-enrichment (Eutrophication), ocean acidification, climate change, greenhouse gases and hypoxia. Research is conducted in estuaries, rivers and catchments, nearshore coastal waters, mangroves, seagrasses, salt-marshes, wetlands, muds, permeable sands and coral reefs.

Forest Research Centre (FRC)

Researchers in Southern Cross University's Forest Research Centre investigate the ecology of native forests both in Australia and overseas, as well as studying how native forests and plantations can sustainably produce wood products, environmental services and carbon. The research staff in the FRC have broad and varied interests but are particularly focused on tropical and subtropical forestry and agroforestry; domestication of native tree species; computer modelling for forest management and decision-support systems; ecology and management of forest birds; marsupials and amphibians; new products from trees; especially from eucalypt plantations; including bioenergy; forest genetics; mixed-species plantations; community engagement in land-use planning.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A FULL TUITION FEE SCHOLARSHIP:

Please confirm you are eligible to apply by verifying that you satisfy our admission requirements. Please view the relevant award admission requirements: [Doctor of Philosophy award rules](#), [Professional Doctorate award rules](#) and [Masters by Thesis award rules](#). Once you have made sure you have the relevant tertiary qualifications to apply, please complete the attached form and provide certified copies of all the relevant documents with your application to the manager.gradschool@scu.edu.au. These will include:

- Exam results if you are currently enrolled in an institution; and
- Academic Transcripts; and
- Certified English translations for degrees completed overseas if not in english, including copies of original documents; and
- Identification documentation eg. Copy of the picture page of your passport.
- Confirmation that you will be able to support your own living expenses, travel and health care expenses. If your application is successful you will be asked to sign an international student financial declaration attesting to this.

Please direct all enquiries to the manager.gradschool@scu.edu.au .

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